

Common Murre ***(seabird)***



VERTEBRATE

Uria aalge

diet: small fish, squid and other invertebrates

size: about 38-43cm (15-17 inches) tall

Habitat: Colonial nesters on cliffs. Look for them along the Needles and north west side of the Rock.

Related to: Puffins, Pigeon Guillemots and Rhinoceros Auklets

These birds are routinely mistaken for penguins for their black and white markings and upright appearance. As they fly around in large swarms notice they are torpedo-shaped. These birds like puffins only lay one egg. After the chick hatches the mother flies away and the father calls the chick to the water where it will be taught to fish. These birds utilize their wings to “fly” after prey under the water.

Fun Fact: Favorite prey of our Bald Eagles!